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TECHNOLOGY DAY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

a whether the Technology Day was observed in the country on May 11, 2001;

b if so, the details of the activities performed on this occasion; and

c the impact of the said technology day on the life of a common man?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Technology Day is celebrated on 11th May every year from 1998 onwards to commemorate the demonstration of India`s technological capabilities and progress. The celebrations held jointly by Department of Science and Technology, Department of Bio-Technology and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research on May 11, 2001 focussed on the following:-

1) A public exhibition on India`s capabilities and achievements in science and technology.
2) Presentation of Awards instituted by the various Departments under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
3) Release of new products based on technological innovation and excellence.
4) The various laboratories of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) throughout the country observed `open day` on this occasion.
5) The Annual Technology Day Lecture delivered by Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala of IIT, Chennai.

Celebratory events such as the Technology Day celebrations are an important means of highlighting and communicating the nation`s achievements in the field of science and technology and inculcating a sense of pride in our national capabilities.